A.—All representations received on the subject have been duly considered. The Government are not aware of any promise such as that suggested in clause (*b*). Nominations to the Legislative Council are at the discretion of His Excellency the Governor.

Civil Justice

Proposal to entrust the service of summonses to vakils.

1796 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that several Bar Associations have protested against the proposal of the Government to entrust the preparation and service of summonses to vakils; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will drop the proposal?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are aware that objections were raised against the introduction of the scheme relating to the preparation of processes by pleaders. But this scheme is based on the recommendation of the Civil Justice Committee and the object is to avoid delay in the preparation of processes in courts. Vakils have not been entrusted with the service of processes.

Public Health

Construction of piecemeal drainage system in Kumbakonam.

1797 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chairman, Municipal Council, Kumbakonam, applied for permission for the construction of piecemeal drainage system in the wards where lands had been already acquired for the purpose?

(*b*) whether any permission was granted for the same, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Standing Order No. 40.

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider my amendment to Standing Order No. 40, and I beg it may be considered. Since the report has been circulated among the hon. Members of the House I request the report be taken as read."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question is that the report be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried.

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that the following clause be added to Standing Order No. 40 :

'(5) The Secretary of the Legislative Council shall be the ex officio Secretary of the Select Committee and send notices of its meetings and conduct all correspondence connected with its business.'

(After a pause) "I take the House is ready for a vote."

The House having agreed, the motion was put to vote and carried.

Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 52.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The next item in the agenda is a motion by Mr. J. A. Saldanha for certain amendments to Standing Orders Nos. 12 and 52. Under Standing Order No. 76 I have now to read the draft amendments and ask whether the hon. Member has the leave of the Council. The amendments have been circulated to hon. Members of this House and I do not think it is necessary that I should read them. I wish to know whether the hon. Member has the leave of the House. (After a pause.) Since no Member objects I take it that the hon. Member has the leave of the House. The draft amendments have now to be referred to a Select Committee. Six Members of the Select Committee have to be selected by the Council by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations framed in this behalf, the President, the Deputy President and the Advocate-General being ex officio members of the Committee. One of the members of the panel of Chairmen is to be nominated by me as a member of the Committee. I fix 2 p.m. to-day as the hour within which nomination papers may be handed over to the Secretary."

III

BILLS TO AMEND THE ANDHRA UNIVERSITY ACT, 1925.

* The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I have had a talk with hon. Members regarding the Andhra University Bill ; I told them it will be better if the matter is postponed to the August session. Most of the hon. Members agreed to it ; and Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai also has agreed to defer it to the next session."

* Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"I don't know why I should not be allowed to speak on behalf of myself. (Laughter.) In deference to the request of the party leaders I agree to the adjournment of this matter to the next session."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"I think it will be convenient if a motion is made for the adjournment of the consideration of the Bill to the next session."

* Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI :—"I beg to move that items (1) to (7) in the agenda be adjourned to the next session of the Council."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is items (1) to (7) in the agenda be taken up in the next session."